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EXCISE DUTY ON CONSUMER GOODS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently substantially lowered excise duty on consumer goods specially processed foods like tomato ketchups, soft drinks etc.;

(b) whether the Government are aware that no relief has been passed on to the consumer by manufacturers; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) After the budget, no significant change in the excise duty structure applicable to consumer goods specially processed foods like tomato ketchups, soft drinks etc. has been made.

(b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.